HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 139 By McDonald

A RESOLUTION to commend Reggie Mudd for being named Gallatin Citizen of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Reggie Mudd is one such individual who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary tenure as a business professional, Mr. Mudd has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, his love of his community has long fueled his vision of bringing new life to the downtown Gallatin neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mudd has helped to create a livable and welcoming downtown by personally acquiring and reclaiming several buildings around the downtown square; and

WHEREAS, in doing so, he has helped to generate interest in both yesterday's and tomorrow's downtown Gallatin; the renovation of his family's home stands as a testament to his vision and commitment to neighborhood revitalization; and

WHEREAS, his remodeling has added apartments for downtown living and provided available space for several businesses, including Studio 101, Blue's Jewelry, the former Leona Dress Shop, now an attorney's office, Treasure Island Books, and other business that contribute to the life and prosperity of this community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mudd's commitment to revitalization is also duly reflected in his dedication to Greater Gallatin, Incorporated, an association aimed at generating a renewed

sense of community in a viable and welcoming downtown atmosphere; he is presently serving his third term as President of this laudable organization; and

WHEREAS, devoted to serving his community, Reggie Mudd, along with his son Nicholas, contributes his time and talents to the Boy Scout organization; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mudd is an Assistant Scout Master for the troop at First Presbyterian Church and also acts as Chairman of the Warioto District, in which position he adeptly coordinates fund raising, communications, and programs for the district; and

WHEREAS, as a revered member of the Gallatin community, Mr. Mudd also serves in numerous other civic capacities, including his service as Secretary of the Noon Rotary Club and his membership in the Knights of Columbus through his affiliation with St. John Vianney Catholic Church; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mudd's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mudd is an extremely generous person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and he epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Mr. Mudd is fortunate to share the love and companionship of his wife, Mary Ann, and their family; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mudd is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State", and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Reggie Mudd, a man of uncommon integrity and relentless vision, for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Gallatin and Tennessee, congratulate him upon his recognition as the Gallatin Citizen of the Year, and salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.